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PATENT Atty. Docket No. J-2961A

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Ackerman et al.	) Title: PROCESSING SUBSTRATE AND/OR ) SUPPORT SURFACE			
Serial No.: 10/075,020	) Group Art Unit: 1772			
Filed: February 12, 2002	) Examiner: Alicia A. Chevalier )			

#### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the above application.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8)**

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, on **January** 6, 2004, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22323-1450.

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The fee for additional claims [(37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)] has been calculated as shown below:

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	,		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	83	MINUS	69	= 14	X 9=	\$	X18=	\$252.00
INDEP.	3	MINUS	3	=	X43=	\$	X86=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim +1				+145=	\$	+290=	\$	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				s	OR	\$252.00		

### 2. Method of Payment of Fees

[X] Attached is a check in the amount of:

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[X] A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

## 3. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, except issue fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1903. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to McCracken & Frank LLP at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

McCracken & Frank LLP

January 6, 2004

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#### AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified applications as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 2 through 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 12 of this paper.

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